

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended): A method for enabling a billing configuration, the method comprising:

receiving first data regarding a communications characteristic;

retrieving second data indicative of a frequency of usage related to the communications characteristic;

retrieving third data indicative of a frequency of usage threshold;

comparing the second data to [[and]] the third data; and

based on results of the comparison between the second data and the third data, enabling a billing configuration.

24. (Original): The method of claim 23 wherein the first data includes data relating to a telephone number.

25. (Original): The method of claim 23 wherein the first data includes data indicative of a user name.

26. (Original): The method of claim 24 wherein the second data indicates historical information regarding past attempts to enable the user configuration based on the first data.

27. (Original): The method of claim 26 wherein the historical information is defined over a specified period of time.

28. (Previously presented): The method of claim 23 wherein the first data includes Automatic Number Identification (ANI) data.
29. (Original): A method for enabling a user configuration, the method comprising:
receiving data regarding a communication characteristic;
identifying a formatting characteristic of the data received;
comparing the formatting characteristic against a format criteria; and
enabling a user configuration based on results of the comparison between the formatting characteristic and the format criteria.
30. (Original): The method of claim 29 wherein the communications characteristic includes a telephone number.
31. (Original): The method of claim 29 wherein the formatting characteristic and the format criteria each include length.
32. (Original): The method of claim 31 wherein the length includes a number of characters.
33. (Previously presented): The method of claim 29 wherein the format criteria require only numeric data in the received data.
34. (Cancelled)
35. (Previously presented): A system for enabling a billing configuration comprising:
means for receiving first data regarding a communications characteristic;
means for retrieving second data indicative of a frequency of usage related to the communications characteristic;

means for retrieving third data indicative of a frequency of usage threshold;
means for comparing the second data to the third data; and
means for enabling a billing configuration based on results of the comparison between
the second data and the third data.

36. (Original): A system for enabling a user configuration comprising:
means for receiving data regarding a communication characteristic;
means for identifying a formatting characteristic of the data received;
means for comparing the formatting characteristic against a format criteria; and
means for enabling a user configuration based on results of the comparison between the
formatting characteristic and the format criteria.

37-47. (Cancelled)